

General Assembly

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LCO No. 3751



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by: (AGE)

AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-106 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 3 passage):
- 4 (b) Effective July 1, [2011] 2015, the commissioner shall provide a
- 5 state supplement payment for recipients of Medicaid and the federal
- 6 Supplemental Security Income Program who reside in long-term care
- 7 facilities sufficient to increase their personal needs allowance to [sixty]
- 8 sixty-five dollars per month. On and after July 1, 2016, the
- 9 <u>commissioner shall increase such allowance annually by the same</u>
- 10 amount as the Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, if any such
- 11 <u>adjustments are made.</u> Such state supplement payment shall be made
- 12 to the long-term care facility to be deposited into the personal fund
- 13 account of each such recipient. For the purposes of this subsection,
- 14 "long-term care facility" means a licensed chronic and convalescent
- 15 nursing home, a chronic disease hospital, a rest home with nursing
- 16 supervision, an intermediate care facility for individuals with

- 17 intellectual disabilities or a state humane institution.
- Sec. 2. Section 17b-272 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 20 Effective July 1, [2011] 2015, the Commissioner of Social Services 21 shall permit patients residing in nursing homes, chronic disease 22 hospitals and state humane institutions who are medical assistance 23 recipients under sections 17b-260 to 17b-262, inclusive, 17b-264 to 17b-24 285, inclusive, and 17b-357 to 17b-361, inclusive, to have a monthly 25 personal fund allowance of [sixty] sixty-five dollars. On and after July 26 1, 2016, the commissioner shall increase such allowance annually by 27 the same amount as the Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, if 28 any such adjustments are made.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: Section 1 from passage 17b-106(b)		
Section 1	from passage	17b-106(b)
Sec. 2	from passage	17b-272

AGE Joint Favorable